

REMARKS

Specification

The abstract has been amended to address the objections thereto in the Action.

The disclosure has been amended to correct the identified informalities.

The details of the foreign priority claim on page 1 have been corrected.

The informalities noted in claims 9-11 have been corrected.

A new title is provided.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claim 6 is canceled by this amendment, thus making its rejection moot.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102 and § 103

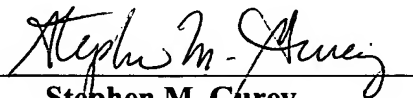
Claims 1, 2, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Palenius (US Patent No. 6,904,290). Claims 7, 13 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Palenius.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, claims 3-6, 9, 12, 18 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicates they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, these claims have been rewritten as required and dependencies amended where appropriate. New claims 20-23 repeat the wording of claims 10-12 and claim 3 except that they are directly or indirectly dependent on claim 9.

It is submitted that with this amendment, the application is in order for allowance. Thus, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney to discuss any issues or questions that may arise on 973-386-8252.

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